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LETTER DATED 25 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to address this letter on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Contact Group on the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and also on behalf of the OIC troop contributors to the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) for the former Yugoslavia.

We have on numerous occasions expressed our concern and even more so our dismay, at the response of the international community, and in particular the Security Council, UNPROFOR and the five-nation Contact Group, to the expanding aggression against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We have on these numerous occasions urged for a more robust mandate for UNPROFOR and for taking steps to faithfully implement all Security Council resolutions to end the Serbian aggression and human rights abuses and to bring peace in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Our requests have not been adequately heeded, and now the Bosnians face another catastrophe for lack of peacemaking measures, or the arms to defend themselves which is their inherent right under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Today, we once again re-emphasize our message, but we must also add another rising alarm. While we favour a broad and assertive definition of the "safe area" in the Bihać region that encompasses the full civilian population, and is most consistent with resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993), we none the less understand that an extremely limited designation of the Bihać "safe area" was put forth by the UNPROFOR Command and communicated to the Bosnian Serbs.

However, even after this rather limited "safe area" was established by the UNPROFOR authorities, the Bosnian Serbs threatened UNPROFOR with all-out war-retaliation if UNPROFOR dared to respond to continuing Serbian violations.

As of 25 November 1994, it is clear that the Serbians have totally ignored this safe area, violated its boundaries, murdered the civilians within it and consider the warning of UNPROFOR and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as a bluff. Tragically and shamefully, the overrunning of the town of Bihać by the Serbs appears imminent.



On the other hand, it most surprisingly and shockingly appears that the threat of Karadzic's Serbs has caused UNPROFOR/NATO to abandon the safe area and not to respond to the continuing violations with the necessary measures.

As most of our nations have troops serving under this UNPROFOR Command, we express:

1. Our dismay at the loss of integrity and credibility, as well as resolve of UNPROFOR to act and respond in a manner consistent with its mandate;
2. Deep concern at the inadequate logistic support provided to the UNPROFOR contingent located within the Bihać pocket and the less than satisfactory initial manner of equipping and deploying this contingent. We urge that immediate action be taken to ensure the restoration of full logistic supplies to the Bangladesh contingent;
3. Our continuing resolve to provide the necessary support for UNPROFOR's strengthening, and in particular the reinforcement and re-supply of the Bihać contingent;
4. The need to bring the OIC troop contributors into a more prominent role within the UNPROFOR Command, as well as the political decision-making process to bring peace.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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of Pakistan to the United Nations,
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